

**TELECONFERENCE  
SOIL SCIENCE SECTION  
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,  
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 16, 2003**

**9:30 AM**

**TELEPHONE:** Tracy Benzel, Jon Guntow, Robert Wendt, Wayne Lindgren

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jerry Lowrie, Bureau Director; William Black, Legal Counsel; and Pat Schenck, Program Assistant,

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tracy Benzel, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. A quorum of four members was present.

**AGENDA**

**Additions to Agenda:**

- Add New Business

**MOTION:** Jon Guntow moved, seconded by Robert Wendt, to approve the agenda with addition. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (09-19-03)**

**Amendments to minutes:**

- Page 3- Examination Issues – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. Change date to July 12-17, 2004 in Lexington, Kentucky. States etc.
- Page 3, Change first sentence on last paragraph to read: “The Section is undecided if a formal continuing education program is necessary to maintain licensure.”

**MOTION:** Robert Wendt moved, seconded by Jon Guntow, to approve the minutes of September 19, 2003 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**2004 MEETING DATES**

The Section reviewed and approved the meeting dates for 2004.

Items for discussion at the next Soil Science Section’s meeting scheduled for May 4, 2004 are:

1. Appoint an official Wisconsin representative to attend the Council of Soil Science Examiners meeting on July 15-17, 2004 at Lexington, KY to work on the fundamentals

exam and represent Wisconsin's Soil Science Section. The person attending should be licensed in Soil Science.

2. Discuss educating the public on what the meaning of Professional Soil Science really means, licensure, unlicensed practice, qualifications, incidental practice and the official process of registering a non-licensed practice complaint. This item should also be included on the Joint Board Meeting's agenda for March 10, 2004.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Lowrie discussed the matter of the definition of the practice of law and the unauthorized practice of law, appointment of committee to promulgate rules, and establishment of a regulatory system with the Section.

**MOTION:** Robert Wendt moved, seconded by Jon Guntow, to request that Jerry Lowrie draft a letter for the Board Chair's signature opposing the proposal for a new definition of unauthorized practice of law. Motion carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF SCOPE STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED RULEMAKING AND APPROVAL FOR PUBLICATION TO DEFINE "SIMILAR LICENSE" AND "SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCE" REQUIREMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING A RECIPROCAL LICENSE.**

**MOTION:** Jon Guntow moved, seconded by Robert Wendt, to approve the scope statement for proposed rulemaking and approval for publication to define "similar license" and "substantial equivalence" requirements for purposes of granting a reciprocal license as written. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Jon Guntow moved, seconded by Robert Wendt, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 4, 2004**

### **Suggested Agenda Items for May 4, 2004:**

- Election of Officers for 2004.
- Appoint Board's Representative's for Screening Panel by Board Chair.
- Official Process for a citizen to register a non-licensed practice complaint.
- Unlicensed practice- Practicing Soil Science without being licensed with DRL
- Educating the public and other organizations on licensure requirements
- Appoint a representative to work on exam in Lexington KY on July 12-17, 2004

